



**This modern housing estate in the city of ‘s Hertogenbosch in Brabant is called the “Armada Project” and consists of 10 buildings resembling an Armada sailing in the wind. More on ‘s Hertogenbosch on pages 16– 17.**

**Important:** The entries below are an indication only of what events are planned during the coming months and the information given may not always be accurate and could be subject to change.  
For up-to-date accurate information, **always** refer to the larger function advertisements inside this paper or the posters displayed in the clubhouse.

## Upcoming Functions in Neerlandia and other Venues as shown:

Thursday 4 March	<b><u>"DJVV Club"</u></b>	<b>Shop open</b>
Saturday 6 March	<b><u>"Carnaval Ball"</u></b> More details on page 5	8.00 pm
Sunday 7 March	<b><u>"Sunday Card Drive"</u></b> Cost: \$6.00	11.00 am
Sunday 14 March	<b><u>"DACWA BINGO"</u></b> Cost: Free Entry More details on page 6	11.00 am
Thursday 18 March	<b><u>"DJVV Club"</u></b>	<b>Shop open</b>
Friday March 26	<b><u>"End of Month Drinks"</u></b> Free admission	5.00 pm
Sunday 28 March	<b><u>"Sunday Card Drive"</u></b> Cost: \$6.00	11.00 am
Thursday 1 April	<b><u>"DJVV Club"</u></b>	<b>Shop open</b>
Sunday 11 April	<b><u>"Sunday Brunch"</u></b> Cost: \$12.00 More details on page 10	10.00 am
Thursday 15 April	<b><u>"DJVV Club"</u></b>	<b>Shop open</b>
Friday 30 April	<b><u>"Koninginne Dag Celebrations"</u></b> & <b><u>"End of Month Drinks"</u></b> Free admission More details in the April Magazine.	3.00 pm 5.00 pm
Sunday 2 May	<b><u>"Sunday Card Drive"</u></b> Cost: \$6.00	11.00 am
Saturday 8 May	<b><u>"Remembrance Day Get-together"</u></b> Free Entry	11.00am
Sunday 9 May	<b><u>"Mothers Day Brunch"</u></b> Cost: Adults \$14.00 Child \$ 7.00	10.00 am
Sunday 16 May	<b><u>"DACWA Craft &amp; Flea Market"</u></b> Cost: \$2.00 Entertainment: Dutch Community Radio	11.00 am

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## Private Members Parties:

**For bookings of Private Members Parties or information  
that is not in this magazine, please phone:  
Pieter Leeftang on: 9364 6703 or Ray Schaafsma on: 9455 4835**

**Costs for using the Clubhouse facilities are:**

Use of Hall only	\$275.00 (Incl. GST)
Use of Lounge only	\$100.00 (Incl. GST)
Use of Kitchen	\$100.00 (Incl. GST)

## Dear Members:

The Dutch Clogdancers have decided to call it a day. This is mainly due to ill health of some of their present members and the lack of new recruits. It is a sad day indeed for the Dutch community as the Clogdancers for many

years have entertained thousands of people with this very popular and traditional dancing.

A well-deserved, sincere thank-you is due to Hanny & Toon Kamps and all the dancers, who for many years have entertained so many.

We at Neerlandia must be very vigilant that we do not follow the same pathway to oblivion.

We must attract a younger membership and in order to do that we must adjust our way of thinking, innovate and we must be prepared to make certain sacrifices.

The greatest challenge facing us is to do all that without upsetting our elderly membership in any shape or form.

Can it be done? Of course it can. Now is the time to think outside the square and have visions for our future.

Recently we have renovated and re-decorated our Clubhouse Lounge to make it more attractive, not only for our own members but also for prospective members.

By the time of printing we have held a couple of successful Friday Sundowners called "End of the Month Drinks" with the main aim to attract new members and younger people into the clubhouse. Any existing members of are of course welcome to attend, but please note that these events are set up



for a younger generation with children and more modern music might be played.

## Neerlandia's Treasurer:

We are making progress in replacing our Treasurer. Meanwhile a big thank-you to Ray Schaafsma for keeping the financial books in order until we solve the problem.

## The Clubhouse Lounge:

With the renovated lounge looking a million dollars there is one additional thing that I would like to see. And that is to see the Lounge and our Kitchen open every Friday for a few hours, say from 10.00 am - 1.00pm. This would allow visitors to come in, buy a cup of Coffee with a piece of "Appeltaart" or a "Broodje Krokot" or a "Portie Bitterballen" and at the same time they can do some shopping in our Dutch "Winkeltje".

But in order to do that we need more volunteers to carry this out, of course under the guidance of our Social Committee.

Are you interested, talk to us or contact one of us!!

## Membership Fees:

I would like to thank those members that have kept the membership renewals coming in at a steady pace. Those that have not renewed their fees as yet, please do so a.s.a.p. About 5-10 % of the members are now using EFTPOS, which is very encouraging.

Just a reminder that everyone, who is a member of one of the clubs that uses our clubhouse on a regular basis, you must be a financial member of Neerlandia. I would like to call on the secretaries of all those associated clubs using the clubhouse to give me their membership list so that we can tick off the names of your members against our database.

## Upcoming Functions:

**BINGO on Sunday 14 March.** Please notify DACWA a.s.a.p. if you intend to attend the Bingo. The event will be cancelled if there are not enough early bookings.

**Koninginne Dag Celebrations** this year will be held on Friday the 30th of April. More details next month.

*Pieter Leeftang, your President*

**Congratulations!!!!**  
The following  
new members  
joined the Dutch  
Society Neerlandia

Henk Broerse  
Richard Wurster  
Anna de Geeter  
Jan de Geeter  
Geert Bakker  
Nelly Bakker  
Joke Brussaard  
Wilna Cornelisse  
John Rikkers  
Bernadine van Boxtel  
Martha Becker



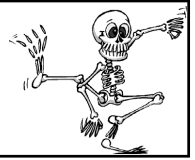
## GET WELL SOON:

To those members who are not feeling too well, who are ill, injured or who are battling a severe illness, the Neerlandia Committee wish you all the very best and above all, a full and speedy recovery.





# What a crazy world



### **THE SPOILED UNDER-30 CROWD!!!**

If you are 30 or older you will think this is hilarious!!!!

When I was a kid, adults used to bore me to tears with their tedious diatribes about how hard things were. When they were growing up; what with walking twenty-five miles to school every morning.... Uphill... Barefoot.... BOTH ways. Yadda, yadda, yadda

And I remember promising myself that when I grew up, there was no way in hell I was going to lay a bunch of crap like that on my kids about how hard I had it and how easy they've got it!

But now that . . . I'm over the ripe old age of thirty, I can't help but look around and notice the youth of today I hate to say it, but you kids today, you don't know how good you've got it!

I mean, when I was a kid we didn't have the Internet. If we wanted to know something, we had to go to the damn library and look it up ourselves, in the card catalogue!!

There was no email!! We had to actually write somebody a letter - with a pen!

Then you had to walk all the way across the street and put it in the mailbox, and it would take like a week to get there! Stamps were 10 cents!

Child Protective Services didn't care if our parents beat us. As a matter of fact, the parents of all my friends also had permission to kick our ass! Nowhere was safe!

There were no MP3's or Napsters! If you wanted to steal music, you had to hitchhike to the damn record store and shoplift it yourself!

Or you had to wait around all day to tape it off the radio, and the DJ would usually talk over the beginning and @#\*% it all up! There were no CD players! We had tape decks in our car. We'd play our favorite tape and "eject" it when finished, and the tape would come undone. Cause - that's how we rolled, dig?

We didn't have fancy crap like Call Waiting! If you were on the phone and somebody else called, they got a busy signal, that's it!

And we didn't have fancy Caller ID either! When the phone rang, you had no idea who it was! It could be your school, your mom, your boss, your bookie, your drug dealer, a collections agent, you just didn't know!!! You had to pick it up and take your chances, mister!

We didn't have any fancy Sony Play Station video games with high-resolution 3-D graphics! We had the Atari 2600! With games like 'Space Invaders' and

'Asteroids'. Your guy was a little square! You actually had to use your imagination!! And there were no multiple levels or screens; it was just one screen... Forever! And you could never win. The game just kept getting harder and harder and faster and faster until you died! Just like LIFE!

You had to use a little book called a TV Guide to find out what was on! You were screwed when it came to channel surfing! You had to get off your ass and walk over to the TV to change the channel! NO REMOTES!!!

There was no Cartoon Network either! You could only get cartoons on Saturday Morning. Do you hear what I'm saying? We had to wait ALL WEEK for cartoons, you spoiled little brat!

And we didn't have microwaves. If we wanted to heat something up, we had to use the stove! Imagine that!

That's exactly what I'm talking about! You kids today have got it too easy. You're spoiled. You guys wouldn't have lasted five minutes back in 1980 or before!

The Over 30 Crowd.

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### **The Fishing Trip:**

Four friends spent weeks and weeks planning the perfect camping and fishing trip up North.

Two days before the group is to leave Frank's wife puts her foot down and tells him he isn't going.

Frank's mates are very upset that he can't go, but what can they do?

Two days later the three get to the camp site only to find Frank all organised sitting there in front of a fire cooking a couple of fresh fish, with a coldie in his hand. "Frank, how long have you been here and how did you talk your missus into letting you go?"

"Well, I've been here since yesterday. Night before last I was sitting in the lounge when the missus came up behind me and put her hands over my eyes and said: Guess who?"

I pulled her hands off my face and there she was wearing a brand-new see-through nightie. She took my hand and took me to our bedroom. The room had two dozen candles and rose petals scattered all over the joint. She had handcuffs and ropes on the bed! She told me to tie and cuff her to the bed and I did.

And then she said: "Do whatever you want."

And here I am.

## Sunday Klaverjas Drives

*In de maand Maart  
worden er twee Sunday  
Klaverjas Drives*

*gehouden en wel op Zondag 7  
Maart en Zondag 28 Maart, want  
Zondag 4 April is Easter Zondag.*

**Kosten: Maar \$6.00 per persoon.**

Kom gezellig Klaverjassen voor  
Winkelbonnen in het Neerlandia  
Clubhuis.

Lunch & Koffie zijn  
bij de toegangsprijs  
inbegrepen.

Aanvang 11.00 uur  
precies.



## DUTCH IMPORTED LIQUOR

INMAAK BRANDEWIJN	\$49.00	PER LITER
OUDE JENEVER	\$49.00	PER LITER
JONGE JENEVER	\$49.00	PER LITER
CITROEN JENEVER	\$49.00	PER LITER
BEERENBURG	\$49.00	PER LITER
BESSEN JENEVER	\$39.00	PER LITER
CITROEN BRANDEWIJN	\$39.00	PER LITER
KERSEN BRANDEWIJN	\$39.00	PER LITER
DIKKE ADVOCAT	\$29.00	per 700ml

### AVAILABLE WHEN THE BAR IS OPEN:

DJVV 2nd Thursdays:	10.00 am—2.00 pm
Thursdays Evenings:	7.00 pm—10.30 pm
Organised Functions:	See page 2

### PRE-ORDERED BOTTLES CAN ALSO BE COLLECTED WHEN THE SHOP IS OPEN

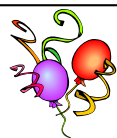
Every 2nd Tuesday from 10.00 am—12 noon

Every Wednesday from 11.00  
am—1.00 pm



**BOTTLES ALSO AVAILABLE  
EVERY FRIDAY  
from 10.00 am—1.00 pm**

**But on Fridays phone 9381 3738  
first before coming out.**



## *The Carnivals Club 'The Sandgropers'*



*Our Prins Bram 1st invites you to his very special*



## *'Carnaval Bal'*

*Floorshows for your  
enjoyment.*

**Date: Saturday 6th March 2010**

**Venue: Dutch Club Neerlandia**

**230 Cambridge St WEMBLEY**

**Time: Doors open at 7.00 pm**

**Entertainment begins at 8 pm**

**Bookings: Henny 94546879.**

**Tickets are \$12 per person.**

**Dont forget to ask for your favourite table.**

**Answering machine avail.**

**Pls leave name & number.**

**Music:**  
**Back for Carnival**  
**Popular "Gerry v. Sambeck"**  
**formerly of Take 2.**  
**Plus:**  
**DJ fill-ins**  
**"Carnaval Music"**

**The kitchen open:**

**All your favourite**

**Dutch snacks & more  
available.**



**Bar open:**

**All your favourite**

**Dutch Drinks & more**

**available.**

# DUTCH AGED CARE (WA) INC

INVITES YOU TO A

## **B I N G O** AFTERNOON

**Location:** Neerlandia Club House  
230 Cambridge Street  
WEMBLEY

**Date:** Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2010  
**Time:** 11:00 am to 3:00 pm



B	I	N	G	O
1	24	37	48	61
9	17	42	53	68
6	28	35	60	75
13	25	36	59	74
7	18	31	56	70

**Admission free, you purchase a ticket to play**  
***FOR BOOKINGS CONTACT THE DACWA OFFICE.***  
***TELEPHONE: 9382 4186 or 9382 1983***  
***THE KITCHEN WILL BE OPEN FOR LUNCH SNACKS***  
***AND THE BAR FOR REFRESHMENTS***



# New Event: End of Month Drinks

## End of the Month Drinks:

Old friends, new friends, Friends of DACWA, future friends: around 60 people visited the "Neerlandia" Clubhouse on Friday the 29th of January.

Volunteers had worked for weeks to rejuvenate the lounge by repainting the walls and ceiling and by relocating the existing wall decorations.

It was impossible not to notice the new acquisition: a black and white photograph of Amsterdam with a characteristic Dutch bicycle centered in red.

Although the lounge was not quite finished, it was decided to start the new year with a new adventure: "End of Month Drinks".

This "End of Month Drinks" is a new initiative

End of Month drinks may not sound like your "cup of tea" but if you want to support your Club or if you want to meet a new generation of Dutch people who have chosen to live in Perth, please do not hesitate to join us at one of the next functions, which will be held on February 26 and on March 26



**On her very last day of a 2 1/2 month holiday, Tamara Busio from Utrecht, the Netherlands not only visited the "End of the Month Drinks", but she also came in the morning to assist with the cleaning up of the mess made by our maintenance & painting team.**

from 5-7 pm at the Neerlandia Club House at 230 Cambridge Street in Wembley.

And if you cannot attend, maybe your children or grand-children would like to drop in? What better opportunity to get (re-)acquainted with Dutch culture, our Club and its (future) members. We are looking forward to seeing you!

***Lianna Parker, Secretary***



**From left to right: Nicolette van Dijk, Sonja & Ric and Terry Mader with the baby.**

taken by the Committee to attract new and younger people to the Club. Between 5-7 pm on every last Friday of the month, you will find a variety of people enjoying a "borrel" or even a "kopstoot", a "kroketje" or a "portie bitterballen", while children are kept busy playing.



**Ellen Broerse, Nellie Bakker and Anneke de Geeter**



**From left to right, Henk Broerse, Geert Bakker and Jan de Geeter. All three became new members of Neerlandia on the night and we extend a hearty welcome to you all.**

## Sunday Klaverjas Drive:

Op Zondag 7 February werd de eerste Klaverjas Drive van 2010 gehouden. De opkomst was redelijk goed, want wij hadden toch nog 6 tafels. Omdat de Lounge overhoop lag aangezien het onderhouds team bezig was hem op te knappen, moest er in de grote zaal gekaart worden. Maar dat was geen probleem.

Na vier spelletjes kwamen de puntenlijsten binnen en op elke tafel kwam er een goede winnaar uit de bus met het resultaat dat er zes spelers waren die erg dicht bij elkaar eindigden.

Ook meest opvallend was het feit dat Riet van Emden de derde plaats miste met 5 punten.

Maar er kunnen maar 3 prijswinnaars zijn en deze keer waren het de volgende spelers:

### Klaverjassen.

1ste Prijs	Henk Arts	6911 punten
2e prijs	John van der Wielen	6869 punten
3e Prijs	Louis Marcus	6748 punten

*In de maand Maart worden er 2 Klaverjas Drives gehouden en wel op de 7e en de 28ste Maart.*

*Dit komt zo uit omdat Paas Zondag op de eerste Zondag in April valt en er zijn teveel mensen die niet kunnen komen.*

Pieter Leeftang.

## IN LOVING MEMORY

Passed away on Thursday 28 January

### Maartje Essers

Our sincere condolences to the family from the DDJV (De Jeugd Van Vroeger) and the Dutch Society Neerlandia of WA.

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Passed away on Thursday 11 February

### Allison Lamers

Our sincere condolences to Marty and his family from the Carnaval's Club the Sandgropers and the Dutch Society Neerlandia of WA.



**May They Rest in Peace.**

## THE DUTCH CLOG DANCERS, HELAAS HET EINDE.

Februari 1998 werd er in Perth aan de Nederlandse Gemeenschap gevraagd, of ze mee wilde doen aan de viering van het 50-jarig bestaan van de onafhankelijkheid van de Republiek Sri Lanka. Met 3 echtparen in Volendamse kostuums hebben we daar toen gedanst op muziek van "Tulpen uit Amsterdam".

Toen kregen we het idee om een Nederlandse Volksdans Groep op te richten. Januari 1999 begonnen we met 4 echtparen en dat groeide vlug uit tot 8 echtparen, die iedere maand een avond bij elkaar kwamen om Nederlandse Volksdansen te leren.



Natuurlijk begonnen we toen ook mee te doen aan Multiculture Festivals, zoals: October 1999, de viering van 50-jaar emigranten kamp in Northam.

April 2006, Dutch Fair in Albany, vanwege de viering van het 400-jarig bestaan "Australia on the Map" met een bezoek van het schip "the Duyfken" aan Albany. (zie foto) Februari 2008 Celebration of 60 Years of Independence Sri Lanka, daar werden wij weer uitgenodigd om op te treden net als 10 jaar geleden dus.

We zijn ook dikwijls in Hostels & Nursing Homes geweest en hebben Dutch Aged Care ook regelmatig een donatie kunnen geven.

Door de jaren heen vaak naar nieuwe leden uitgekeken, helaas zonder resultaat.

Vanaf 2007 begonnen er gezondheids-problemen te komen, hierdoor hebben enkele leden moeten stoppen. Zelfs Bert Creemers helaas al overleden in September '08. We hebben momenteel gewoon te weinig leden om verder nog in het openbaar op te treden. Op 1 February 2010 zijn we voor de laatste keer bij elkaar geweest en hebben toen besloten om er mee te stoppen en de "Klompers" aan de muur te hangen! "The Dutch Clog Dancers" hebben precies 11 jaar met veel plezier de Nederlandse Volksdansen uitgevoerd en we zijn als echte vrienden uit elkaar gegaan. Hanny en Toon zullen nog wel Hostels & Nursing Homes blijven bezoeken en zo nu en dan misschien daar een keertje Klompers-dansen, Wie Weet ? The Dutch Clog Dancers wensen iedereen het allerbeste toe en Goede Gezondheid.

Hanny Kamps



# Sausage Sizzle at Neerlandia

## Sausage Sizzle and DVD Afternoon:

On Sunday the 21st of February we held our first DVD show for the year.

We offered our members for lunch a bun with two sausages and fried onions and all that for a \$2.00 donation.

We expected a full hall but even a cheap meal could not entice a lot of members to attend and the hall was not even half full.

However, we did change the format this time around and maybe that was the reason for a lower than expected attendance.

We started off with 40 minutes of André Rieu, which had not been shown before and that was well received by the audience.

After Lunch instead of more musicals we had decided to show a award winning Dutch movie.

And that was the famous movie made by the award winning Bert Haanstra and called "Fanfare", made in 1958.

It was Bert Haanstra's first major film and when it appeared in the Dutch cinemas it was attended in a very short period by not less than 2.6 million people, which is a tremendous amount of people if one considers the Dutch population at that time.

The film was brilliantly shot in the picturesque town of Giethoorn and it was a nice, innocent but comical



story about a small town "Kapelle" (Brass-band) that split in two groups and two bands after an altercation between two Café owners.

Throw in the town policeman, who boards with one of the café owners; and his fiancé, who is the daughter of the other Café owner

and the scene is set for some major complications. After many hilarious scenes it all comes together again and it culminated in the two bands on stage together and winning the trophy at a brass-band competition.

Those present really enjoyed it and went home very satisfied.

Those that stayed away, you missed a very entertaining afternoon.

*Pieter Leeftang.*

## DE NEERLANDIA WINKEL

### Levensmiddelen en allerlei lekkernijen uit Nederland



- Bitterballen, Kroketten & Rookworst van Kasteel & van Wees
- Vleeswaren van Elmar
- Leidse & Goudse Kaas
- Zoute haring & Gerookte Makreel (*momenteel niet verkrijgbaar*)
- Ontbijtkoek, Gember Koek en Candij Koek
- Groenten in glas en in blik
- Zoute Drop, Stroopwafels, Gesorteerde Koekjes & Beschuit
- Gestampte Muisjes, Hagelslag, Fruithagel & Chocolade Vlokken
- Amandel Koeken, Kano's, Amsterdammers & Speculaas

### De Neerlandia Winkel is open op de volgende dagen:

Elke Woensdag	van 10.00 am - 1.00 pm
Dinsdag (non - DJVV week)	van 11.00 am - noon
Donderdags (DJVV week - see page 2)	van 11.00 am - 2.00 pm
Elke Donderdag avond	van 10.00 pm - 11.00 pm
Iedere Vrijdag	van 10.00 am-1.00 pm, maar bel eerst even. Tel: 9381 3738



**De Neerlandia winkel is bemand door vrijwilligers en daarom moeten de bovenstaande tijden een beetje ruim genomen worden**

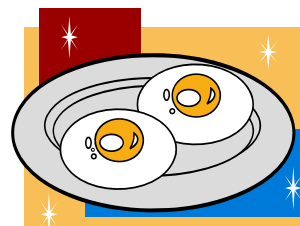


# Brunch

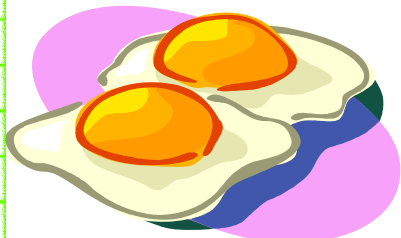
Sunday 11 April

**OUR NEXT BRUNCH WILL BE HELD ON  
SUNDAY THE 11TH OF APRIL AT 10.00 AM**

**Come and Join us at Neerlandia for this hearty “Brunch”. Enjoy an “Uitsmijter” and all sorts of other Dutch Goodies. Unlimited Coffee, Tea and Orange Juice.**



**Celebrate a Birthday with your family.  
Invite your friends or ask your Social Club  
to attend the Sunday Brunch.**



**Our Brunch is good value!  
Adults: \$12.00  
Children: \$6.00**

**For catering purposes, pre-payment  
is necessary when you make your booking.  
Contacts: Ans van Alphen on 9342 6525 (9 am– 9 pm)  
and from 17 February to 24 March  
Riki Schaafsma on: 9455 4835**

*The pre-payment options are:*

- *Send your Cheque or Money Order by mail to Neerlandia, PO Box 200, WEMBLEY WA 6913*
- *Pass on your credit or debit card details over the phone.*
- *Come to the Clubhouse on any Friday between 10.00 am and 1.00 pm and pay by credit card or cash.*



March 2010

## DUTCH AGED CARE NEWSLETTER

The Official Publication of Dutch Aged Care Western Australia Inc.  
To all members and supporters of DACWA

### DACWA NEWS & VIEWS

When I was in my late teens, eagerly awaiting my 21<sup>st</sup> birthday so I could (legally) go to a pub & have a beer (or two or three), each month felt like a year. Now, each year feels like a month, and I therefore feel like it's only been a few weeks since the previous DACWA insert in the excellent Neerlandia newsletter.

Continuing on with our series of profiles of Staff & Board members, following the profile of Toon & Hanny Kamps. Those of you who know them would also be aware that they are inseparable, hence one profile instead of two, written by Toon.

We have also, again, scheduled some functions, primarily, and hopefully, for variety and enjoyment, as distinct from just fund raising. We urge you to do your utmost to attend. For info and bookings, please ring either Vera on 9279 5785, or John on 9378 2158. Bookings are essential, in order for us to determine the feasibility of actually proceeding with the event. Holding a Quiz or Bingo with only a dozen attendees is not ideal!!

John Keemink

### PROFILE TOON & HANNY KAMPS.

We were born in 1946, in Noord Brabant, in the Netherlands and grew up in a village near Eindhoven; Hanny north & me south of the city.

I commenced work at Philips as a toolmaker, at age 15, after 3 years of LTS school, and also enrolled at Philips Technical School.

Hanny commenced her working life in an office, as a book-keeper, at age 16 and after 4 years at MULO High School.

We met each other at a dance party in 1965 and after a 2 year romance were married in 1967. Shortly there-after, I had to join the Army, where I was a gun repairer for 18 months. I started at Philips again, in Eindhoven, as toolmaker-technician, which mainly involved fitting, testing and installing prototype-production machines in other Philips factories in Europe.

Our holidays were always in warmer countries and in 1981 we decided to emigrate to Australia, arriving in Sydney. Hanny commenced work as an office clerk, and I as a toolmaker, making press-tools and plastic injection moulds.

Only one year later, we moved to Perth, and I commenced work, again as a toolmaker, at Orbital Engines. (The Sarich rotary engine). A few years later I was promoted to be in charge of the Orbital Foundry, and I designed and made all the dies for a lot of alloy castings needed for this engine.

We became members of the Dutch Club Neerlandia, and also the Carnivals Club, the Sandgropers, and in 1994 I was even "Prince Toon". Our resignation from the Sandgropers was 19 years later, but we still attend their functions.

Hanny had ceased work, but commenced as a volunteer at Uniting Church Community Care. Every Monday she is involved in Telelink, a phone-conference call of 45 minutes with other Dutch ladies. She is also a volunteer community visitor.

In 1999 we decided to get other people interested in learning traditional Dutch folk dancing able to perform in full Volendam costumes and clogs.

The resultant group, the Dutch Clog Dancers, perform at multicultural festivals, retirement villages and nursing homes and all the donations made to our group are given to charities and to Dutch Aged Care.





# DACWA NEWSLETTER

## Continue Profile Hanny & Toon Kamps

I suffered from a leaking heart valve and an aortic aneurism in 2000, resulting in an open heart operation. Fortunately, I now feel well.

A year later we moved into a retirement village, and are now both involved in voluntary work, such as one day per month at the Multicultural Day Care Centre Pendana, and visiting hostel-nursing homes.

We both joined the Dutch Aged Care committee (now board), as well and we both thoroughly enjoy our community work.

Toon Kamps

## DACWA FUNCTION CALENDAR

All functions will be held in the Clubhouse of: Dutch Club Neerlandia

230 Cambridge Street, Wembley 6014

Sunday, March 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>BINGO</b> From 11am to approx 3pm No entry fee: just payment for the bingo cards.
Sunday, May 16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>CRAFT &amp; FLEA MARKET</b> From 10:30am to approx 4pm. Stall holders \$10. Entry a \$2 "donation" Entertainment by Dutch Community Radio
Sunday, August 15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>QUIZ DAY</b> From 11am to approx. 3pm. Tables of 6 maximum Entry \$6.00 per person
Sunday, October 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>MOVIES</b> From 11am to approx 3:30 pm. A selection of both Dutch & English speaking films - Dramas, documentaries, light infotainment, comedy, music. Entry a \$2 "donation".
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# DACWA NEWSLETTER

## Christmas Lunch for the Clients

On the 12 December 2009 we held the Christmas party for our clients. Although it was a very hot day we were pleased to see so many clients, their family members and friends to join us here in the Neerlandia Clubhouse.

This year we had also invited the Board members to say "Thank you" for all the work they have done over the last year. Consequently we celebrated Christmas with over 80 people, including our Support Workers, who helped with the transport of our clients.

Lunch started off with coffee and "kerststollen" and a speech from Henry Koldenhoven, Vice-Chairman of DACWA and the two coordinators Regine and Marian.

Everybody enjoyed lunch and some a glass or two of wine. This was followed by a presentation of a gift for every client. We finished off with dessert and coffee.

It was a pleasure to see how much fun people had and to witness how those clients, who had not seen each other for a long time, could have a chat and a drink together. If you have a computer, why not visit our DACWA website on [www.dacwa.org](http://www.dacwa.org) for photographs of the various DACWA functions?



**Regine with client Bas Dane**

Regine Rohmann

## DANCE AND MOVEMENT CLASSES

### *If you don't use it, you'll lose it!*

DACWA is pleased to announce that the new Dance and Movement Classes are starting on Monday 15 February 2010 from 10.30 – 11.30 AM.

These classes are led by a qualified Dutch speaking instructor. The participants enthusiastically join in the exercise classes to the upbeat music. Support workers pick up the DACWA CACP clients and other participants get a lift from volunteers or they travel independently.

As the participants are (partly) seated on chairs during the exercises to music, the classes will also be suitable for the less mobile person.

When - Every second Monday from 10.30 – 11.30 AM.

Where - Dutch Society Neerlandia, 230 Cambridge Street, Wembley

Cost - \$3 per person which includes a cup of coffee or tea.

Are you interested? Contact the DACWA office at 9382 4186 or 9382 1983 during office hours.

For insurance purposes, the participants will need to be financial members of DACWA.

If you have a computer, why not visit our website, [www.dacwa.org](http://www.dacwa.org), go to "social" and follow the links to our photo gallery to see to see what we are doing on those happy Monday mornings.

We are looking forward to seeing you!



## DACWA WEBSITE

DACWA is very happy to see that the website is running well; it is a great communication tool between you and us at DACWA. We keep updating the site as frequently as possible so that you can stay informed on what we are doing, on what the volunteers are up to and on whatever is happening within Aged Care in WA in general. The easiest way to get to the latest updates of the website is to click on "what is new on the website this month", you can find this on the DACWA home page. By clicking on that link you will go directly to the page with an update per month.

DACWA's webmaster enjoys her responsibility for the upkeep and the maintenance of the website. At the same time DACWA is aware that there is still a lot of room for improvement and we are constantly working on that. DACWA would be very happy with your suggestions, ideas and comments.

And last but not least, remember that a monthly prize of a \$20 voucher to be spent in the Neerlandia Winkel, will be awarded to a monthly feedback prize winner.

DACWA is looking forward to your input, which you can send to "contact us" on the DACWA website which address is [www.dacwa.org](http://www.dacwa.org). Our website is best viewed with Internet Explorer

Lianna Parker  
Webmaster Dutch Aged Care (WA) Inc.

## NEWS FROM THE CVS/HVS COORDINATOR

We have started off the year 2010 with visiting many residents and losing a couple. Some dates for your calendar with our volunteers having a speaker on the 25<sup>th</sup> February from Independent Living Centre WA. All volunteers are welcome at 10.30 am for coffee and cake and the speaker will commence at 11am followed by a lunch. It is a lovely time for volunteers to catch up and have a chat with other friends they have made through volunteering with Dutch Aged Care.

We will be having a Bingo Sunday on the 14<sup>th</sup> March at 11am to 3pm. This is a great opportunity to catch up and socialise with other friends and maybe you are lucky and you will win some prizes.

We will be having a Market Day at the Neerlandia Club on the 16<sup>th</sup> of May. If you would like to have a stall on the day you can contact me on 9382 4186. Some of the stalls will be cottage craft, card making, cakes, Armanda's Cuisine. Come along and have a fun day and enjoy a lovely kroket for lunch from the Neerlandia cafe. Hope to see you all attend these functions that we have planned to support Dutch Aged Care WA.



### WHY BE A VOLUNTEER? This poem stood out to me for my volunteers. Author unknown.

It's not for the money;  
It's not for the fame  
It's not for any personal gain  
It's just for the love of your fellow man,  
It's just to give a helping hand;  
It's just to give a little of one's self,  
That's something you can't buy with wealth;  
It's not for a medal worn with pride,  
It's not for the feeling deep inside;  
It's that feeling that you've been part of helping far and near,  
That makes you a Volunteer!

To be a volunteer for Dutch Aged Care WA we ask one hour of your time per fortnight to visit residents in Aged Care Facilities or in their own home. Please contact Bobbie de Lange CVS/HVS Coordinator on 93821191 or e-mail [cvs.coordin@iinet.net.au](mailto:cvs.coordin@iinet.net.au)

Bobbie de Lange

The fascinating world of mathematics (or, to many, the boring subject of mathematics), was highlighted last month when a French software engineer claimed a world record for calculating Pi, which has eluded mathematicians for millennia. Pi is the ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter, which starts at 3.14159....

An inexpensive desk-top computer was used - not a super computer as was used in previous attempts at world records- to calculate Pi to almost 2.7 TRILLION decimal places, about 123 BILLION digits more than the previous record, set last August. Mons. Bellard took 131 days to complete his calculations - 103 for the computation, 13 for verification, 12 to convert the binary digits to a base of 10 (whatever that means), and three final days to check the conversion. Extracts of the 2,699,999,990,000 - digit outcome have been published. Pheww!!

On a lighter note: an article in the press was headed: BIG BUMS GOOD FOR YOU, STUDY SHOWS. So, fret not all of you who consider your rear end to be a little on the large side!! Extra weight on your behind, big hips and solid thighs are good for you, according to British researchers. Carrying fat in these areas, rather than around the waist, has a range of health benefits and actively protects against diabetes and heart disease, experts at Oxford University said. The reasoning and logic behind these findings were explained, but would take too long to fully repeat here. For those of you in this category, just be grateful!!

On the BAD news again: an article warned: Alzheimer's disease will become the "new AIDS" over the next 20 years, with rates set to skyrocket globally, including a 70% rise in Australia. The World Economic Forum, held in Switzerland in January, included for the first time a special discussion on the economic and social costs of dementia, with predictions the 35 million cases globally will almost double by 2030, and reach 115 million by 2050. That is SCARY!!!



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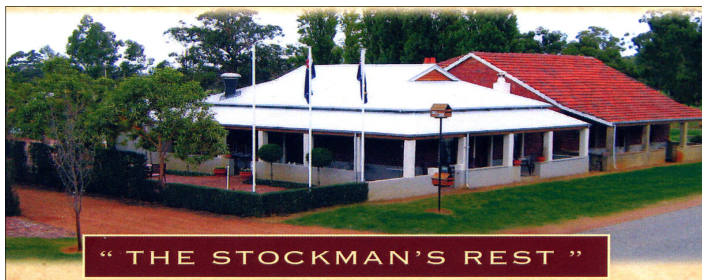
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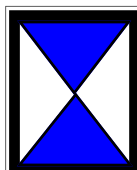
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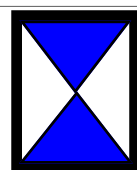
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# 's-Hertogenbosch, capital of Brabant



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## 's-HERTOGENBOSCH:

's-Hertogenbosch, literally "The Duke's Forest", is a municipality in the Netherlands, and also the capital of the province of North Brabant. Population around 145,000. It is located in the south of the Netherlands, some 80 km south of Amsterdam. The Dutch seldom say 's-Hertogenbosch but rather Den Bosch, which is traditional Dutch for "The Forest."

## HISTORY:

Shortly before 1200 AD, merchants and a little later artisans like blacksmiths, bakers and weavers established themselves in a place which is now known as The Market. This new settlement received an extensive town charter from Duke Henry I of Brabant (1190-1235) which is from the point of view of legal history very interesting. The new town grew very fast to more than 10.000 inhabitants circa 1300 AD. Captains took their ships up the Rhine up to Cologne to fetch wine, to the Baltic Sea to fish for herring, and to Liege to stock up on chalk, stone, weaponry and items made from yellow copper. The service area of the town extended towards almost the whole of the eastern part of what is nowadays North Brabant.

## GOLDEN AGE: 1475 – 1525:

Between 1475 and 1525 's-Hertogenbosch experienced its Golden Age. During this time the Brabant Gothic Sint Jan's Cathedral was completed. For the socially vulnerable classes a fine tuned safety net of social help and caritas existed, the so-called Houses of God. The city was divided into 9 neighbourhoods, each with their own chapel and organisation. In those days the painter Hieronymus Bosch (ca. 1450 – 1516) lived and worked here and whose works of art can be admired in museums worldwide. His best paintings were very well appreciated by the Habsburg rulers like Philip the Fair, Charles V and Philip II. The Illustrious Dear Lady Fraternity was a centre of culture, which was based from 1485 in the Swann Brothers House in the Hinthamerstreet. This still-existing religious brotherhood organised great banquets to which singers and musicians added lustre.

## BETWEEN MARS AND MERCURY: 1525 - 1795:

From about 1525 periods of economic decline alternated with periods of stability and growth. The Dutch Rebellion which burst out with the violent iconoclasm of 1566 led to a deep crisis. In 1579 the city government chose on the side of the Spanish king and for a renewed Catholicism. For religious, political and economical reasons thousands of the inhabitants of 's-Hertogenbosch fled their hometown and never returned. The country around the city where the people of 's-Hertogenbosch owned many properties was completely destroyed. The medieval stone wall was replaced by earthen ramparts and well-developed fortifications. Mercenaries took over the important job of defence from the civil shooting clubs. The fortified city was considered to be practically unassailable, because the surrounding area was easily flooded. However, in 1629, after a siege by city holder Frederic Henry, 's-Hertogenbosch had to surrender to the States-General.



Fortified City Wall

During the Republic (1629 – 1794), city life was varied. Trade continued to be important, the garrison was prominently present and the city maintained itself rather well economically. Although the majority of the people continued to be Roman Catholic, religious diversity increased: aside from a large Dutch Reformed Congregation there were a Walloon Reformed Congregation, a Lutheran Church, and from the late 1600s a small Jewish community.

## PERIOD: 1795-1945:



Emperor Napoleon visited 's-Hertogenbosch in 1810 and on this occasion he gave the Sint Jan's Cathedral back to the Roman Catholics. During the following century they embellished the church inside and out with leaded glass windows from French studios and locally made neo-Gothic sculptures. In 1796 's-Hertogenbosch became capital of the province of North Brabant. More than ever the city became a centre of government, of administration, of justice, of education and publishers. The market trade created a lot of entertainment. Annual floods were a main reason for the falling back of industrial development. Social differences were huge.

A large class of the people lived in poor conditions. In 1882 the still-flourishing Oeteldonksche Club was founded. It aimed at 'ennobling' carnival, a popular festival that had already existed for centuries. It succeeded, in spite of a lot of opposition. Nowadays the carnival is still the most popular festival of the year. The dismantling of the fortifications from 1874 allowed for the first time in centuries the possibility for successful checking of the flooding and extension of the city. New city districts like Het Zand and De Muntel made it possible to halt dilapidation. The well-to-do meanwhile left for woody Vught, where many manors were built.

# 's Hertogenbosch, capital of Brabant

## POST-WWII:

's-Hertogenbosch was founded as a fortified city and that heritage can still be seen today. After World War II, plans were made to modernise the old city, by filling in the canals, removing or modifying some ramparts and reconstructing historic neighbourhoods. Before these plans could come to effect however, the central government declared the city a protected townscape. Most historic elements have been preserved. Because the main ramparts are crucial in keeping out the water, they have never been slighted, their usual fate in The Netherlands. In contrast to cities like Rotterdam, 's-Hertogenbosch also survived the Second World War relatively unscathed.

Today, there are always renovations going on in the city to preserve the many old buildings, fortifications, churches and statues for later generations. In 2004 the city was awarded the title *European Fortress City of the year*. It is planned to restore the city defences to much of their old glory in the coming years. 's-Hertogenbosch also has the oldest remaining brick house in The Netherlands, "de Moriaan", which was built at the beginning of the 13th century. In the north of the old city, the hexagonal powder arsenal, or "Kruithuis", still exists, one of only two of its kind in the country. The Town hall is a 17th century building, erected in the typical style of Dutch classicism. Around the city itself many other fortresses can still be seen. Until recently it was a major garrison town.



Inner city street with the St Jan's Church



Saint Lambertus Church in Rosmalen

In 1960 almost all artisan companies disappeared, being replaced by large-scale production. For the first time the structural unemployment of many was stopped. Self-consciously 's-Hertogenbosch manifested itself on the stage of Brabant economy. The former municipalities of Bokhoven, Empel and Meerwijk and Engelen merged into the city of 's-Hertogenbosch. Rosmalen and 's-Hertogenbosch merged into a new city which kept the name 's-Hertogenbosch and so passed the 100.000 inhabitants mark. In spite of all the growth the historical character of the city centre was more or less kept intact. The city council aims in the coming years to enforce its cultural regional function, for example by restoring its historical fortifications, of which a lot still exist today.

Since January 1st 1996 the City of 's-Hertogenbosch includes the city itself (which received a town charter around 1190) and some older church villages, of which Rosmalen is the largest. This area is known to have been inhabited in the Gallo-Roman Period by - amongst others - Batavians who dedicated a temple in Empel (a small town just North of 's-Hertogenbosch) to their favourite god Hercules Magusanus. As Roman auxiliaries they defended the frontiers of the Roman Empire against the obtrusive barbaric tribes.

Today the city is an important economic engine and business centre for the region, which has over half a million inhabitants. More and more national and international companies are opening their doors in 's-Hertogenbosch. There is a wide spectrum of employment possibilities. Emphasis is placed on selective and high-quality growth, mainly in industry, services, trade and education.

's-Hertogenbosch is an administrative and commercial centre and, after the four major cities in The Netherlands, one of the premier office locations in The Netherlands.

## CULTURE:

's-Hertogenbosch is home to a variety of events such as the theatre festival *Boulevard*, *Jazz in Duke town*, the start of the Tour de France (1996), Tour Feminine (1997), the International Vocal Competition and the Ordina Open grass court tennis tournament (in the nearby town of Rosmalen). There are also over 350 restaurants, pubs and cafés to be found in the city.

The city is proud of its convivial atmosphere and uniquely intimate character. Easy-going, ambitious and warm. That in a nutshell is 's-Hertogenbosch. Well-known for its enchanting historical ambience, the majestic Sint. Jan's Cathedral and the ingenious Binnendieze canal system, the city effortlessly carries its past within the modern side of its character.



Binnendieze Canals

Compiled by Lou Dingjan with information from the internet



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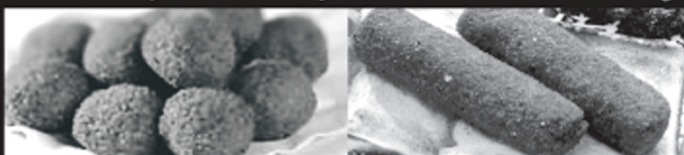
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### NEWS FROM THE MORLEY-WINDMILLS SPORTS CLUB INC. AS WELL AS THE SOCCER CLUB INC.

Hi all,

Things are back in full swing here at Morley-Windmills, with the Morley Ladies Dart Club starting their competition last Monday and they had their first tournament the following weekend. The ETNA Italian Band is also back on board and so far we had two successful functions at the clubhouse plus some private parties. All that and with the soccer season starting up makes it a very busy time.

The only problem we are having is that no-one mentioned that we should have put an certain amount of dollars aside just in case something would go wrong with the cool room and you guessed it. So far this year we had to call the mechanic out 4 times and that always happened at the weekend when everything costs double, but these are the breaks you are dealt with.

In the soccer section things are very slowly falling into place. Seeing that 5 weeks ago we did not have a team and we had only one player left from last season, we can now field a full squad as well as a reserve and an under 18's team. So we are doing well, but we still require some 4 or 5 good players to make ourselves competitive for the 2010 season.

So far we played two friendly games, one against Inglewood United ( Kiev ) and the other against Shamrock Rovers. The one against Inglewood we won 5-2 with a team that had not played together, so it was good to see the boys play as well as they did. The first half was very even with both teams trying hard to get control the game and at half time it was 2 all. In the second half Windmills slowly got hold of the midfield with some very good passages of play with Eddy Walsh being the main playmaker. The game against Shamrock Rovers was played early Sunday morning. Windmills had a few players missing from the previous game, and some of those that turned up had a night out on the town,

but that is no excuse the way we played knowing that Shamrock is a very physical side and do not give you any time on the ball. We did well to go in at half time only 2-1 down.

After the break it was a different story, were we could not match the speed and the desire for the ball, we had no say in the midfield and our defence was working overtime and in the end it could not cope so we lost 7-1.

The Football West Night Series is now in full swing at Forrest Field United soccer venue. We had to postpone our first game against Ashfield due to Football West bringing the games a week forward and we had given a few of our players permission to go on holidays, so this game will now be played on Wednesday 24 Feb. Our next game was against Bayswater City S.C., which we lost 3-2. Remembering that we are still trying to build a team, we went into this game as underdogs and the majority of people thought that we would get a hiding of about 6 or 8 nil, but it turned out a very good game. Morley-Windmills started off very slow and were a goal down after only 3 minutes of play. After about 20 minutes Windmills settled down and should have been level at half time when a good through ball found our player on the left wing, who in turn lobbed the advancing keeper but he was ruled offside. He did come from an onside position but another player, not interfering with play at all, was declared offside by the officials.

The second half started the same with Windmills again too slow and allowing Bayswater in to score their second goal. Windmills then made a few changes and started to get hold of the midfield and creating some chances. A good cross from the right saw Windmills open their score with a good downward header which bounced over the keeper. Ten minutes later the scores were level through some very good play. With only minutes to go Windmills should have been in front but the shot just went over the bar and it was Bayswater that scored in the last second of the game.

***Till next Time Karl.***

## Wet Holland:

In the memory of many of us a vision is printed of the many canals and soggy meadows, of windmills and glass houses, alternated with stretches of wheat or colourful linseed gently moving in the breeze.

Those with ties in Holland, Utrecht and West Friesland will get quite emotional about these beloved and familiar surroundings. It has not always been like that and a lot of hard work preceded this idyllic landscape.

A long way back in history, the French already accepted that God created the world except Holland, as that is the work of the Dutch themselves.

The western part of our present Netherlands consists of two types of land, old and new. The new land are the many lakes and other stretches of water that have been drained over the years. Those who lived on a dry landmass in the early days, individually protected their holdings, by building dykes in order to secure their livelihood against flooding. The privilege to build a dam across the Amstel, given by Count Floris V towards the end of the 13 century to fishermen living there, started shaping Holland as the powerhouse of the future Netherlands.

The reclamation of the many lakes, especially the big ones like the Beemster, the Schermer en Starnmeer started in earnest when merchants from Amsterdam and the nearby cities of Alkmaar en Hoorn became interested to invest in land.



**Jan Adriaanszoon Leeghwater  
(1575-1649)**

In Jan Adriaansz Leeghwater (1575-1649) they found the engineer, who made their dreams come true. An infrastructure of dikes, a system of interlocking canals and

windmills in strategic places, made it possible to force the huge masses of water into the sea. Each investor bought a parcel of lake which still had to be drained, until that lake was sold. In this way enough capital was raised to start the reclamation process. Initially it was pure private enterprise that lakes were pumped out to create more acreage, the government was not involved.

Impressive farmhouses were built by these well heeled investors on these newly created landholdings, bringing a good return as well as

being a holiday destination for their owners, who at times needed to escape from their hectic business life. It usually turned out that the new landowners rented out their property to farmers and when motivated, used it periodically during summertime for recreation.

Isn't it amazing, at present we are doing the same thing, buying an apartment off the plan in a multi story development, even before building has started. Close to four hundred years ago, our forefathers had the same idea. Do we as humans really change so much over the years, apart from new technology? It has to come out eventually, someone will find out. Starnmeer was like the Schermer and other 'dried-out' lakes at the start, just another 'Polder'.

Time however is moving on and a small part of Starnmeer is now transformed in a nudist camp. Zon en Leven bought a parcel of 'weiland' (meadows) in 1967 and organized the planting of 40.000 young trees, in such a way, that the previous flat and open



meadows are now transformed into an attractive playground, in between Amsterdam and Alkmaar. For a long time, the windmills were the essential tools to keep the water levels of these low laying areas to an acceptable standard. But especially in Holland (North and South) the water table was too high for agriculture and so the newly won grounds were turned into meadows and populated with cows, pigs and sheep. Out of this developed butter and cheese making, a whole range of milk products, meat and leather products, together with associated industries.

Since the adaptation of the steam engine the control of the water table became more efficient and reliable, the windmills after all had to depend on wind strength and furthermore did not have the capacity of these powerful steam engines. Why then was the water table not lowered further, so more land could be adapted to agriculture. By lowering



the water table more than at present, it was found not only that the 'old land' was sinking but also that the top of the foundation poles under each building were being exposed to the air above the new water table with the result that they started to rot. This would cause the building to collapse or at best fracture the walls.

In many places, the waterway is higher than the surrounding landscape. When travelling on a



**Noordzee Kanaal**

parallel road, one has to look upwards to watch a ship sailing past.

A striking example is the

'Noordzee kanaal', running in

between Amsterdam and IJmuiden. There you see those big seagoing vessels slowly move way above the meadows alongside.

In the early days, transportation of the various products, as well as normal traffic, has been a problem for many years, especially in the North of Holland. Though there were plenty of roads, canals and other waterways, moving from one place to the other was not always easy. Especially in autumn in the rainy season, the un-surfaced roads turned into muddy tracks, then during the following winter months, the waterways were frozen and no shipping possible. During the summer months and its peak traffic, long lines of ships were waiting to move through the many locks, which were controlling the water levels of the country.

Double locks were installed throughout the whole infrastructure of the various canal and waterway systems in order to pump the water in stages from the lower level (sometimes 6 meters below sea level) finally into the sea. All commercial and pleasure boats have to pass the first lock into a holding area until as many vessels as possible have parked there. Then the entry lock is closed and the exit lock opened, thereby raising or lowering the water level in the holding area to the existing level for the next run to the following set of locks. At times tempers might rise as all boats assembled want to get through these locks as quickly as possible. Occasionally a fight broke out between the crews of ships who tried to out manoeuvre each



other. Once again, nothing changed much with the human race over the years, we now live with road rage. Looks like the same thing to me, only different technology.

To conclude this little chat about 'Hollands Polderland', I wish to share with you a poem I found in an exhibition of the Stedelijk Museum in Alkmaar and published in Polderland by J. Weebis (dr J.W. Wicherink):-

## REGEN

Regen, regen, als maar regen,  
Heel de polder wordt weer plan;  
Op de akkers, op de wegen,  
is het even dras.  
Koeien klotsen door het gran,  
Hoestend, kunnen daar niet tegen.  
Rotten gaat het veldgewas,  
't Is teveel van 's hemels zegen.  
En geen wind haast om to malen;  
't Boezemwater boven peil,  
Heel het land lijkt wel een kale,  
Vieze, natte, grote dwell.  
Waar je loopt, daar zuigt de modder,  
Al gesieper en geklodder.

**Gerard Woerlee.**

# Challenging puzzles by the Puzzle Wizard

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## CODEBREAKER PUZZLE



### How to play the Game:

A Codebreaker is a crossword puzzle with no clues! Every letter of the alphabet has been replaced by a number, the same number represents the same letter all the time in this puzzle.

All you have to do is find out which letter is represented by which number!

The codes for three letters are given. When you have entered these letters throughout the puzzle, you should have enough information to start guessing your first word and also discover other letters. If you are unsure, use a pencil, then you can always erase.

*In last month's Codebreaker was not an easy one, but once you found Flotilla and Portrait the rest was easy. Following is the solution: A=1; B=8; C=21; D=7; E=22; F=19; G=12; H=26; I=17; J=4; K=14; L=13; M=11; N=6; O=18; P=2; Q=23; R=24; S=16; T=20; U=3; V=9; W=25; X=5; Y=10; Z=15.*

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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## Sudoku

The aim of the Sudoku Puzzle is to insert numbers in the boxes to satisfy only one condition: each row, each column and each 3x3 box must contain one each of the digits 1 through 9.

### Sudoku - Easy

		6	2	3				
		1	8				7	
	3			5	1			6
		9	1	7		8		5
	4	7				3	1	
3		5		4	8	7		
1			7	9			2	
	5				2	6		
				8	4	9		



### Sudoku - Moderate

				9	1	3	7	4
	5						9	2
3			2					
7						8	4	
5	9		6	4				3
					6	7		
9				3	8			
6	3			1				

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